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ROBERT G. GRAHAM DEAD.

Well Known Confederate Veteran Passes to Beyond.

Announcement of the death Monday morning at the home of his son, E. C. Graham, at Rutherfordton, N. C., of Robert G. ("Peg Leg") Graham, former Fort Mill township citizen and well known Confederate veteran, brought sorrow to his friends, and especially to his old army comrades, in this community. Mr. Graham had been in ill health for several months and while it was known that he could not long survive the illness which had worn away his strength, the news of his death nevertheless caused universal regret among those who had known him.

Mr. Graham was born in Fort Mill township about 76 years ago and continued to live on his farm in this community up to about 15 years ago, when he moved across the State line into the Sharon neighborhood in Mecklenburg county to live with his son. As a boy 17 years old he volunteered for service in the Confederate army, joining Company B, 6th South Carolina regiment, in 1862, the captain of the company then being the late John M. White, gallant Fort Mill soldier who afterwards became lieutenant colonel of his regiment. Mr. Graham saw his first service as a soldier at Williamsburg, Va., and with his company (composed almost entirely of Fort Mill men) and regiment participated in the battle of Seven Pines, the Seven Days' Fight Around Richmond, Second Manassas, Boonesboro, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, was with Longstreet at Suffolk, in the battles around Chattanooga and Knoxville, and on May 6, 1864, participated in the tremendous battle of the Wilderness and later was at Spotsylvania. At Cold Harbor he received a wound which necessitated the amputation of his left leg, ending his active service in a cause to which he was as devoted on the day of his death as he was when as a boy he put on his first gray uniform. Up to the time he was wounded at Cold Harbor Mr. Graham had taken part in many major engagements and numerous skirmishes and relatively unimportant battles "without so much as receiving a scratch," yesterday said Mr. Bowman Merritt of Fort Mill, who also was in Company B and was with Mr. Graham during his entire army service. "And no finer soldier ever wore the Confederate uniform than Bob Graham," added Mr. Merritt. Mr. Graham's name is on the Confederate monument in Fort Mill.

For 40-odd years following the close of the Civil war Mr. Graham took an active interest in politics. In 1876 he was a "wheel-horse" in the Hampton campaign to rid the State of the carpetbag government, being a member of the Red Shirts and a never tiring worker for the Democratic party. He also is said to have been a member of the Ku Klux organization, along with practically all the other good citizens of the community. By nature Mr. Graham was genial and was always in a good humor, and when he attended a political meeting or other public gathering usually he was surrounded by a party of his friends anxious to have him draw on his fund of anecdotes for their entertainment.

The body of Mr. Graham was buried in the Sharon churchyard Tuesday afternoon in his Confederate uniform. He is survived by the following children: E. C. Graham, Mrs. Leona McLean and Miss Kate Graham of Rutherfordton, N. C., Lester Graham of Granite Quarry, N. C., Mrs. H. M. Strout of Broadway, N. C., and Mrs. J. P. Beatty of Charlotte, N. C. Three brothers, Hamilton Graham and Archie Graham of Mississippi and Chas. Graham of Charlotte, and one sister, Mrs. C. Starnes of Dallas, Texas, also survive.

A valuable horse belonging to Dr. J. B. Elliott was kicked to death a few days ago by another horse.

SPEAK FOR TEXTILE UNION.

Fort Mill Workers Hear Organized Labor Representatives.

A crowd estimated at from 150 to 200 people, made up principally of employees of the Fort Mill cotton mills, Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock foregathered at Confederate park and for more than an hour and a half listened to speeches by Miss Anna Neary of Baltimore, representative of the American Federation of Labor, and Edward F. Callahan, organizer for the United Textile Workers of America, urging the help in the local mills to join the textile union. Good order prevailed during the meeting and there was nothing to indicate a recurrence of the turbulent scenes which marked a visit to Fort Mill about two years ago of representatives of organized labor who came here to hold in the town hall a meeting to organize a local branch of the textile union.

The meeting in Fort Mill Tuesday evening was one of a series of similar meetings being held in the cotton mill towns of South Carolina and North Carolina to urge the mill workers to become affiliated with the union, Miss Neary said. In the course of her address Miss Neary referred to the pleasant relations which existed between the management of the Fort Mill mills and the workers, but added that there was no assurance that these relations would continue indefinitely and for that reason, among others, she urged those of her hearers who worked in the mills and were not already members of the textile union to join it.

Following the address of Miss Neary, Edward F. Callahan spoke for about an hour. He was given close attention and his arguments in behalf of the union seemed to interest his audience. The meeting was presided over by Charles Bailes, president of the local branch of the textile union.

Gold Hill Notes.

C. T. Crook of Springfield is visiting his brother, W. H. Crook. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Langston of Florence are visiting Mrs. Langston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Epps.

A number of Gold Hill people Monday attended the circus in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Windle and Miss John Crook left Wednesday for Wadesboro, N. C., where they will teach during the current session of the public school.

S. C. Faris left Monday for Florida, to be at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Wilson, who was reported critically ill.

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Ladies Plan "Rally Day."

The Woman's auxiliary of the Fort Mill Presbyterian church will observe "Rally day" Tuesday, October 18, and the several church circles will join in making the day a memorable one. Committees have been appointed on publicity, music, entertainment and dinner and much enthusiasm is being shown in the promotion of the gathering, to be at the church. Good music promises to be a feature of the day's exercises and the addresses to be delivered are expected to be of value to the auxiliary in its work.

Blakeney-Ardrey Marriage.

R. Holt Ardrey and Miss Lina Blakeney, popular young people of the Providence community in Mecklenburg county, who have many friends in Fort Mill, were married in Rock Hill Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock by the Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., pastor of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Ardrey came to Fort Mill immediately after the ceremony and were served a wedding supper at the home of Dr. J. L. Spratt. Mrs. Spratt being a sister of Mr. Ardrey.

According to a recent agricultural bulletin of the census bureau, there were 5,845 farms in York county when the 1920 census was taken, and 4,298 of these were operated by tenants, 3,213 of whom were negroes.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest From the Yorkville Enquirer.

There are 22 students in the 11th grade of the Yorkville graded school this year as compared with five students in that grade last year.

The judges can easily put a stop to the liquor business if they want to. York county juries generally convict, but the judges are too lenient. Some of them are too fond of liquor themselves. If the judges will back up the juries with the right kind of penalties, the liquor business will respond with an immediate slowing up.

A siren whistle recently installed on the fire house for alarm purposes was tested out last Wednesday night at about 1 o'clock, and although it woke the people up quite satisfactorily, it failed to create the excitement that starts idiots to shooting their pistols, for the reason that only a few people knew what it was. The siren whistle, however, promises to do exactly what is desired of it.

There were a good many hundreds of people at the wedding of Miss Susie Hartness and James D. Grist of Yorkville at Sharon last Wednesday night. All parts of the county were represented, and the church was not half big enough to accommodate the crowd that was in attendance, much to the disappointment of all concerned. Those who saw the ceremony, however, were enthusiastic with the beauty and completeness of it all.

"Judging from the real estate, crop and chattel mortgages that are being satisfied in my office," said Clerk of Court McLaekin a few days ago, "I would say that a large portion of the cotton crop that has been sold up to this time is going to the liquidation of indebtedness. I really do not know how the volume of liquidation that is now going on compares with other years, but really I am surprised at the number of mortgages that are being paid off."

Hundreds of people of Yorkville and vicinity heard Gipsy Smith, Jr., famous evangelist, who preached Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Sunday school auditorium. The large hall was crowded to overflowing and the evangelist preached an inspiring sermon from the text, "Ye must be born again." Most of his auditors were people who heard the evangelist for the first time and many of them were so impressed that they drove over to Rock Hill to hear him again Sunday evening.

Representatives of York county Presbyterian churches are in Greenville this week attending the annual meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, meeting in the First Presbyterian church of that city. Last year showed fine gains in all departments of the church. The total of gifts to benevolent causes was \$456,876, or \$13.87 per member. Membership showed a gain of 1,499, which is the largest gain reported in several years. The Sunday school also showed a good gain. The present membership is 26,555, which is a gain of 2,063 over the previous year. There are 80 enrolled in the Sabbath schools of the synod to every 100 church members. This is much below the average of the entire church and many members feel that the synod is not giving the attention to the Sabbath schools that they deserve, according to a prominent layman.

Seed for the Asking.

Congressman W. F. Stevenson has written The Times to say that those of his constituents wishing flower or vegetable seed for delivery next spring should write him now. "I also have a few packages of lawn grass that I will distribute as long as they last," Mr. Stevenson adds, with the statement that the 1920 "Agricultural Year Book" is now ready and will be sent out on request. He also has farmers' bulletins on almost any subject which will be mailed to those requesting copies.

GRADED SCHOOL NOTES.

Teaching Corps for Year's Session Now Complete.

With a full corps of teachers, the Fort Mill graded school is running along as smoothly as could be expected. The high school especially welcomes the addition of Alfred O. Jones to the faculty. Mr. Jones will take up his work as principal of the school next Monday and will teach history and the English classes.

Glee club work was started this week, with Miss Edna Tindal director. The members are selected from the pupils of the high school and practices are held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The girls of the high school have organized a basketball team and are taking a good deal of interest in this fine game. Games are being arranged with the Rock Hill schools to be played early in November.

Last Monday was "circus day" and it was fittingly observed by the school—not more than eight or ten pupils were absent from school for the day's work.

A photographer has been secured to make pictures of each grade in the school. It is expected that the pictures will be ready for delivery within a few days. They are to be mounted on cardboard and will sell for 25 cents each. All who want pictures of any particular grade may secure them from the teacher of that grade.

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Hon. W. H. Stewart, former State senator from York county, who is making his home with his son, Paul Stewart, near Charlotte, spent yesterday in Fort Mill with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fish had as their guest last week John Perkins of Cohoes, N. Y., who was returning to his home from the recent meeting of cotton mill men in Greenville.

Work was resumed Monday morning at Carhartt mill, No. 2, Carhartt, between Fort Mill and Rock Hill. The mill, which employs about 150 operatives, had been closed since April, 1920.

The parent-teacher association which was recently organized for the Pleasant Valley school, located near Pleasant Hill church, has begun work with a full complement of officers and promises to do much to promote the interests of the school.

Last Friday one of the cottages in the village of mill No. 1, Fort Mill Manufacturing company, was destroyed by fire, the alarm being sounded about 10 o'clock in the morning. The house was occupied by Paul Jackson. Most of his household effects were saved.

The work of enlarging the majestic theater, to which reference was made in a news item in The Times two weeks ago, was begun Monday morning. The addition to the theater will include part of the room to the rear of the building on Confederate street. The work is being done by a Charlotte contractor.

Twenty-odd members of Catawba lodge, No. 56, Fort Mill, Tuesday evening went to Rock Hill to hear a special sermon delivered by Gipsy Smith, evangelist, to the Masons of York and adjoining counties. The sermon was heard by several hundred members of the order, many of them being Knights Templar who wore their uniforms.

Mrs. Crawford Dunlap of Rock Hill, elected truancy officer for York county a few days ago by the county board of education, arrived in Fort Mill yesterday morning and will spend the balance of the week here assisting the local school authorities in locating and putting into school children coming within the provisions of the compulsory school attendance law who are not enrolled as pupils. During her stay in Fort Mill Mrs. Dunlap, with assistance to be supplied her by the school board, also will take a census of the children of school age in the local school district.

WIN CLOSE GAME.

Fort Mill Boys Defeat Rock Hill High School.

The Fort Mill high school team Friday afternoon won an interesting football game from Rock Hill high on the Rock Hill field by the close score of 6 to 0. Rock Hill started the first quarter with a rush, taking Fort Mill by surprise, but in the second quarter Fort Mill braced up, took the ball away from their opponents and easily outplayed them during the rest of the game.

Douglas Nims scored the only touchdown of the game in the second quarter, making a long run around left end and passing practically every man on the Rock Hill team. He also kicked a clean gold, but this was barred on account of a technicality.

Fast end runs by Patterson and Nims, the line bucking of Mike Link and the fine defensive work of Kimbrell and Nims were features of the game. The whole Fort Mill team played good football after the first quarter.

The lineup for Fort Mill was as follows: Right end, Lee Carothers; right tackle, Jack Mills; right guard, Dixon Phillips; center, Edward Kimbrell; left guard, Elliott Harris and Elmore Alexander; left tackle, Allan Parks; left end, Pat Brown; right half, Tom Harris; fullback, Douglas Nims; captain; left half, Mike Link; quarterback, Luther Patterson.

Misplaced Kindness.

"I was pleased to read a day or two ago," yesterday said a Fort Mill citizen, "that in one State at least the authorities have learned that there is nothing to be gained by convict coddling. The New York State prison commission has announced that while prisoners subject to their jurisdiction will get fair treatment and good care, there is to be an end of the slushy sentimental stuff which has made of convicts in that State guests instead of prisoners and that they are to be made to work as hard as men outside the prison. The eight hour day is to succeed the six hour day inside the prison walls. This is sense. In many prisons in recent years law violators have been treated as distinguished visitors. The result was inevitable. The class of men whose disregard for law led them to commit crimes and be sentenced to prison have just as little regard for what is provided for them in prison. Many of them soon turn unwise liberty into unwarranted license. The soft-hearted board of charities and corrections in South Carolina has done much to interfere with the proper conduct of the penitentiary in Columbia. Some time ago I was a visitor at the penitentiary and saw a number of the convicts shooting craps inside the prison walls. An official of the penitentiary said he could do nothing to prevent the prisoners gambling."

Interested in Pecan Industry.

B. M. Lee of Fort Mill left Monday afternoon for Mobile, Ala., to attend the annual meeting of the National Nut Growers' association, now in session in that city. Mr. Lee is interested in the pecan industry. On his farm two miles south of town he has several thousand trees which are now bearing as fine nuts as are to be found anywhere. "There is an ever increasing demand for first class pecans at good prices," said Mr. Lee a day or two ago, "and if I do not make more out of the pecan business than I could have made out of cotton, even had the boll weevil not appeared in this community, I shall be greatly disappointed. Pecan trees begin to bear in a few years and one does not have to wait a lifetime to have nuts for sale, as some people mistakenly think. The soil of this section seems adapted to the pecan industry as my own grove leads me to believe and I should like to see others in this community enter the business of growing pecans for market."

Dr. J. L. Spratt is in Greenwood this week attending federal court.

REINDEER IN ALASKA.

Uncle Sam Meets With Success in Raising Animals for Food.

The announcement that a shipment of 30,000 pounds of Alaskan reindeer meat has just been received at San Francisco calls attention, says The Trade Record, issued by the National City bank of New York, to the remarkable success of our reindeer experiment in Alaska, where the value of the reindeer herds, established a few years ago, is now counted by millions of dollars. In the early part of this country's ownership of Alaska, it seems, the Eskimos were chiefly dependent upon the whale, walrus, caribou and seal for their animal food, but with rapid destruction of these by the white man's rifle, the supply of animal food, an absolute essential in that climate, was greatly reduced and the existence of the natives thus threatened. This condition was brought to the attention of the public in the United States in the early '90s by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, who had been sent to Alaska by the government to establish schools among the natives, and he conceived the idea of introducing the reindeer, then unknown in Alaska, but proving extremely useful in Siberia and Lapland.

"Personal appeals by Dr. Jackson," says The Trade Record's article, "to the public in the United States resulted in contributions of \$2,148, and 16 head of reindeer from Siberia were landed in Alaska in 1891, followed by about 150 in later shipments during the year. Congress then made several small contributions, and by 1900 the total number of reindeer imported into Alaska from Siberia had aggregated about 1,200. Importation was then suspended and a colony of 'reindeer masters' was brought from Lapland to instruct the Eskimos in the care of the 1,200 animals thus supplied to them."

"As a consequence of this establishment of the reindeer industry in Alaska a quarter century ago, the number of reindeer now scattered through that territory is about 140,000 and their value between 3 and 4 million dollars. So liberally are the reindeer herds now supplying the natives, their owners, with meat, milk, butter and cheese that their owners are now able to spare large quantities for the white population of Alaska and limited quantities for shipment to the Pacific coast cities and thence to the great trade centers of the country, so that 'reindeer steaks' may be had in the markets of the great cities as far east as the Atlantic coast."

"The special value of the reindeer enterprise in Alaska was found in the fact that it turned into food form a natural growth formerly unutilized, and at the same time encouraged a fixed habitation and a domestication of industry on the part of a population formerly nomadic through its dependence upon the ocean's frontage for its supply of animal food. The reindeer, which thrives upon the formerly unutilized mosses and lichens of the Arctic 'tundra,' which he digs from beneath the snow in winter, serves not only as a food supply but also as a draft and pack animal in transporting mails and merchandise, while his skins furnish clothing and shelter for the natives."

J. H. McMurray and his daughter, Miss Esther McMurray, have gone to Blacksburg, where they will spend several weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMurray, after which they expect to go to Greensboro, N. C., and thence to Ferdinandina, Fla., to spend the winter.

Town council has authorized its street committee to proceed at its discretion, to lay a sidewalk from the concrete paving in front of the Seward building on Confederate street to the corner of the school grounds. The committee also was instructed to repair the concrete sidewalk in front of St. John's Methodist church on Hall street and to extend the sidewalk to the church